

REMARKS

Claims 33-65 are pending. Claims 40-49 are under examination. Without addressing the merits of the rejections set forth in the Office Action, claims 33-65 have been canceled without prejudice to Applicant. New claims 66 and 67 have been added. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification and the claims as filed. In particular, support for new claims 66 and 67 can be found, for example, in original claim 10. Accordingly, these new claims do not raise an issue of new matter and entry thereof is respectfully requested.

Applicant points out that new claim 66 corresponds to previous claim 27 rewritten in independent form, which was indicated in the previous Office Action mailed October 13, 2006, to be allowable. It was intended for claim 27 to be amended to independent form in the previous response mailed April 13, 2007, but it was inadvertently omitted. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 66 and claim 67 should be considered allowable.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

The rejection of claims 40-49 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite is respectfully traversed. Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection has been rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 40-49. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

The rejection of claims 40-49 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly lacking written description is respectfully traversed. Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection has been rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 40-49. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

The rejection of claims 40-49 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly lacking enablement is respectfully traversed. Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection has been rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 40-49. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

In light of the amendments and remarks herein, Applicant submits that the claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a notice to this effect. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent if there are any questions.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 502624 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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